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MEASURES TO CHECK DEPLETION OF OZONE LAYER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the some countries have signed any agreement to check emission of harmful chemicals and greenhouse gases which deplete the Ozone Layer;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement signed; and

(c) the measures taken or likely to be taken by India and other developing and the developed countries under the agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. 191 countries have signed Vienna Convention for the protection of the ozone layer and the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer. India became a Party to the Vienna Convention for the protection of ozone layer on 19th June, 1991 and the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer on 17th September, 1992.

(c) A detailed Country Programme for phaseout of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODSs) was prepared in 1993. The regulatory and fiscal measures have been taken to ensure phase out of ODSs as per the schedule specified in the Montreal Protocol with financial and technical support received from the Multilateral Fund (MLF). Similarly, developing countries are also phasing out ODSs as per the Protocol.

Developed countries have phased out production and consumption of Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), Carbontetrachloride (CTC) and Halons on 1.1.1996 and will phase out Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) by 2030.